provided by the Planning Commission.

Theft of Railway Material

4596. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cases of thefts on railways are on the increase;

(b) the total number of cases of thefts of railway materials and booked consignments during 1989-90 and 1990-91, zone-wise;

(c) whether the Government have prepared any comprehensive scheme to check such thefts; and

(d) is so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information is as under :—

Railways	Years	Number of cases of thefts	
		Booked Consignments	Railway Materials
Central	1989-90	1242	3971
	1990-91	994	4002
Eastern	1989-90	7579	20332
	1990-91	6537	19077
Northern	1989-90	3460	37705
	1990-91	3059	38904
North Eastern	1989-90	1543	1361
	1990-91	1173	1439
Northeast Frontier	1989-90	2581	483
	1990-91	1572	472
Southern	1989-90	1567	5784
	1990-91	1535	5380
South Central	1989-90	174	1472
	1990-91	708	1256
South Eastern	1989-90	3844	5928
	1990-91	2963	6445
Western	1989-90	1783	3085
	1990-91	1647	3546

(c) and (d) Taking necessary steps to check thefts on the Railways in a continuous process.

Equipments for Saving Fuel and Reduce Pollution

4597. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the equipment that increases